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STATEFUL PROTOCOL PROCESSING SYSTEM**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 11, 2008. Pursuant to the Requirement, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following groups of claims for initial examination:

Group I: Claims 1-20, 35-38 drawn to computer-to computer data routing, classified in class 709, subclass 238.

Group II: Claims 21-34 are drawn to computer-to computer data transfer regulating, classified in class 709, subclass 226.

Applicants hereby elect for examination the claims of Group I; that is, claims 1-20, 35-38, without prejudice. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the nonelected subject-matter during the pendency of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due under 37 CFR §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21, and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1283 of the undersigned.

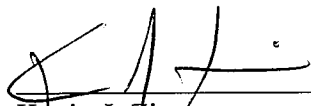
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